
Press Release

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COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF JUSTICE AND JUDGES ON 2004 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review will hold public hearings at the following times and locations to receive comments on judges appearing on the 2004 retention ballot:

March 17, 2004

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Radisson City Center

181 W Broadway

Tucson

March 24, 2004

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Arizona Courts Building, Ste 227

1501 W Washington

Phoenix

Under the Constitution, the 30-member Commission, established in 1992 by an amendment to the Arizona Constitution, is charged with conducting performance evaluations of judges. It establishes performance standards for judges, assesses whether or not a judge meets those standards, and communicates its findings to voters.

In addition to the public hearings, surveys have been distributed to superior court litigants, witnesses, jurors, individuals who represented themselves in court, and attorneys who appeared before the judges from September 2, 2003, through December 31, 2003. Appellate court justices and judges are surveyed on an ongoing basis.

The Commission's findings will be released to the public before the 2004 general election in the Secretary of State's voter publicity pamphlet. The findings also will be available on the Commission's website at <http://www.supreme.state.az.us/jpr>. Voters will determine whether judges remain in office on November 2, 2004. Comments are invited on the following judges:

Arizona Supreme Court:

Rebecca White Berch

Charles E. Jones

Michael D. Ryan

Court of Appeals Division I:

Daniel A. Barker

Susan A. Ehrlich

John C. Gemmill

Philip L. Hall

Patrick Irvine

Jefferson L. Lankford

G. Murray Snow

James B. Sult

Jon W. Thompson

Lawrence F. Winthrop

Court of Appeals Division II:

M. Jan Florez

John Pelander

Superior Court in Maricopa County:

Linda A. Akers
Rebecca A. Albrecht
Louis A. Araneta
Silvia R. Arellano
Anna M. Baca
Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr.
A. Craig Blakey, II
John A. Buttrick
Colin F. Campbell
David R. Cole
Connie Contes
John R. Ditsworth
Thomas Dunevant, III
Kenneth L. Fields

John F. Foreman
Pamela J. Franks
Frank T. Galati
Cari A. Harrison
Ruth H. Hilliard
Barbara M. Jarrett
Paul A. Katz
Andrew G. Klein
Margaret R. Mahoney
Gregory H. Martin
Crane McClennen
Colleen A. McNally
Michael R. McVey
Linda H. Miles

Robert H. Oberbillig
Michael J. O'Melia
Ronald S. Reinstein
Teresa A. Sanders
Mark R. Santana
William P. Sargeant, III
Barry C. Schneider
Steven D. Sheldon
Roland J. Steinle, III
Sherry K. Stephens
Dean W. Trebesch
Richard J. Trujillo
David K. Udall

Superior Court in Pima County:

Edgar B. Acuna
Deborah Bernini
Carmine Cornelio
Jane L. Eikleberry
Patricia Escher
Richard S. Fields

Howard Hantman
Jan E. Kearney
Virginia C. Kelly
Kenneth Lee
John S. Leonardo
Leslie B. Miller

Michael O. Miller
Clark W. Munger
Charles S. Sabalos
Paul E. Tang
Stephen C. Villarreal
Nanette Warner

In addition to making comments at the public hearings, any citizen may submit written comments by April 16, 2004, to the Commission on Judicial Performance Review, 1501 West Washington Street, Suite 227, Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231. Additional information is available on the Judicial Performance Review web page at <http://www.supreme.state.az.us/jpr>.

(Background information on the Commission is included with this release.)